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Paul A. Marshall
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Re: South Delta Improvements Program

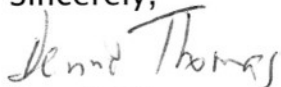
Dear Mr. Marshall,

Please withdraw the draft environmental impact report and issue a new draft with a preferred alternative that includes a significant reduction in Delta water diversions. An increase to 8500 cfs will further damage the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

Include a new preferred alternative which offers at least as much water dedicated to ecosystem restoration and protection as is required by the state's plan to protect and restore the delta - the CALFED Bay-Delta Plan.

Please issue a full draft environmental impact report on the proposal to increase the state water project's maximum pumping limit once improved scientific information is available regarding the causes of the delta's decline and once this decline has been reversed.

Sincerely,



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